LIBRARIES
A VISION

WE CAN
BE MORE.

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This Is A Disruptive Vision.

But we've been isolated, atomized far too long—
reactive
incremental adopters
always on
the defensive.

It's time to disrupt.

WE USED TO MAKE BIG DREAMS REAL.

WE CAN DO IT AGAIN.

this also makes possible:

- Nationally coordinated literacy efforts - including for adults
- Stable funding in the face of hostile elements
- Powerful advocacy and leverage with publishers
- Hub-based research offices assisting public and localities
- Unprecedented professional collaboration
- Cross-jurisdiction staffing support and professional mobility
- Federally backed digitization program

A Public Internet

Internet Archive + DPLA
A repository for e-copies of Hub-based books (with Palace as a frontend) integrated with the OPAC.

Potential components:
- Self-publishing service
- Public "Library Academy" providing certification programs and course-work not covered in school curricula
- Decentralized identity management for citizens that gives them control online

Add'l surveillance free!

When not physically circulating, e-copies of materials housed at the hubs can then be checked out via controlled digital lending.

This would exist alongside legislatively mandated e-copies sent to another federal partner for preservation purposes

This system would be organized around Regional Depository Hubs

Underused or research materials are housed at these hubs - freeing up space for the local library's community without sacrificing access.

With delivery handled by a federal partner →

The key to it all:

UNIFICATION.

federalized system
open source ILS
catalog
card
collective voice

e pluribus unum.